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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA RADIO BROADCAST ON HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR
SITUATION

1. AMBASSADOR BERTRAND OF EL SALVADOR CALLED CEN AFTERNOON
OF MAY 23 INQUIRING WHETHER WE HAD NEWS OF MANAGUA NEWS-
PAPER REPORTS THAT HOSTILITIES HAD BROKEN OUT BETWEEN
EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. HE STATED HE KNEW THIS WASN'T
TRUE, BUT WONDERED IF IT MIGHT REPRESENT A MANEUVER TO PUT
OFF THE PROPOSED CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING.

2. WE TOLD BERTRAND WE HAD HEARD THAT A RADIO STATION IN
NORTHERN NICARAGUA HAD BROADCAST SUCH A REPORT
WE STATED THAT HIS INFORMATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN
A GARBLED VERSION OF THAT REPORT OR THAT PERHAPS, THE MANA-
GUA PRESS HAD INDEED PICKED THE STORY UP FROM THAT RADIO
BROADCAST. WE TOLD HIM, HOWEVER, THAT THE RADIO STATION
IN QUESTION WAS NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, AN OFFICIAL STATION
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AND THEREFORE THE SENSATIONALISTIC AND OBVIOUSLY INACCURATE

REPORT WOULD NOT HAVE REPRESENTED THE SORT OF MANEUVER HE DESCRIBED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER MANAGUA PRESS DID IN FACT PICK THIS STORY UP, IF SO, WHETHER OUR SPECULATION AS TO THEIR SOURCE IS CORRECT, AND IF THE

RADIO STATION IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA (ABOUT WHICH WE KNOW NOTHING MORE) WAS IN FACT THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THIS STORY. COULD IT IN FACT HAVE SERVED AS A "GOVERNMENT CHANNEL" OFFICIALLY OR EXTRA-OFFICIALLY? RUSH

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